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In re Application of

Flax, Solomon : DECISION ON

Application No.: 09/830,830 PCT No.: PCT/IL00/00513

Int. Filing Date: 29 August 2000 : RENEWED PETTION

Priority Date: 30 August 1999

Attorney's Docket No.: 082845000000

For: PROCESS FOR PRODUCING METAL- : UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(b)

CONTAINING SULFIDORES

This decision is in response to applicant's "SECOND RENEWED PETITION UNDER 37 CFR §§1.47(b) and 1.137(b)" submitted on 12 March 2003 in response to a decision mailed by this Office on 04 February 2003.

BACKGROUND

In a decision dated 04 February 2003, applicant's petition under 37 CFR 1.47(b), filed 16 August 2002, was dismissed because applicant failed to provide sufficient proof that JOMA CHEMICAL is the assignee because the assignment provided was in Hebrew and no English translation was provided at such time.

On 12 March 2003, petitioner filed the instant renewed petition. Petitioner has submitted the following papers, *inter alia*, an English translation of the assignment from SATEC ECOCHEM LTD. to JOMA CHEMCIAL.

DISCUSSION

Petitioner has now satisfied requirement (4) of 37 CFR 1.47(b), thus completing the requirements under 37 CFR 1.47(b).

Regarding requirement (4), Petitioner has submitted the following papers, *inter alia*, an English translation of the assignment from SATEC ECOCHEM LTD. to JOMA CHEMCIAL.

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Accordingly, it is appropriate to accord the national stage application status under 37 CFR 1.47(b) at this time.

CONCLUSION

The renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.47(b) is **GRANTED**.

As provided in 37 CFR 1.47(b), a notice of the filing of this application will be forwarded to the non-signing inventor at his last known address of record.

A notice of the filing of the application under 37 CFR 1.47(b) will be published in the Official Gazette.

This application is being forwarded to the National Stage Processing Branch of the Office of PCT Operations to continue national stage processing of the application, including the accordation of 35 U.S.C. 371(c) dates of <u>28 February 2002</u>.

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Dear Dr. Flax:

You are named as an inventor in the above identified United States patent application, filed under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.47(b) and 35 U.S.C. 118. Should a patent be granted, you will be designated as an inventor.

As a named inventor, you are entitled to inspect any paper in the file wrapper of the application, order copies of all or any part thereof (at a prepaid cost per 37 CFR 1.19) or to make your position of record in the application. Alternatively, you may arrange to do any of the preceding through a registered patent agent or attorney presenting written authorization from you. If you care to join in the application, counsel of record (see below) would presumably assist you. Joining in the application would entail the filing of an appropriate oath or declaration by you pursuant to 37 CFR 1.47(a) and (b).

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